

# Berkeley International Study Program

## Letters & Science

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### The Program

The BISP in Letters & Science (BISP-LS) program offers students the opportunity to take courses across a **broad range of discipline areas**, from the arts & humanities to social sciences to physical and biological sciences. Powered by the BISP advantage, students return home prepared to enter a global marketplace. The BISP experience provides academic and personal growth opportunities that give students an edge in their future endeavors.

Coursework is available for **undergraduate students** in a number of participating departments, giving students the opportunity to study courses related to their major, those that meet their personal interests, or those that they would not otherwise have the chance to take at their home university. BISP partners with over 70 academic departments in the College of Letters and Science and the College of Natural Resources to provide a wide variety of course options to select from.



Opportunities for **graduate students** are available in some of the participating departments. These options can include graduate-level lectures or seminars, advanced undergraduate seminars, master's thesis writing, and independent research for academic credit.

The **Berkeley International Study Program** provides study abroad opportunities on a space availability basis for visiting international students to study at UC Berkeley for one or two semesters. BISP students pay fees to the UC Berkeley Extension office, who also provide the necessary student visa documents and infrastructure needed to earn credit in UC Berkeley courses that may transfer back to visiting international students' home university.

### Eligibility and Criteria

Students must complete an individual interview in order to ensure that they are a good match for what our program offers. It is important to us that students are able to take courses in the departments in our program, as it is not an exact fit for everyone. Students from a non-English speaking university must demonstrate their English proficiency with a TOEFL (90 or higher) or IELTS (7.0 or higher) test score.

BISP welcomes students that come on their own (as an independent, or "freemover" student), as well as those that come through our partner universities to apply for our program. For more information, please visit <http://bisp.berkeley.edu/programs/>



***BISP: Letters & Science Participating Departments***

**Social Sciences**

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African American Studies	Gender and Women's Studies	International and Area Studies
American Studies	Geography	Legal Studies
Anthropology	Global Studies	LGBT Studies
Asian American Studies	(includes Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, and Peace and Conflict Studies)	Linguistics
Chicano/Latino Studies	History	Native American Studies
Demography	Interdisciplinary Studies	Political Economy
Development Studies		Political Science
Economics		Psychology
Environmental Economics and Policy		Sociology
Ethnic Studies		

**Arts & Humanities**

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Art Practice	Letters & Science	South and Southeast Asian Studies
Buddhist Studies	Mongolian	(includes Bengali, Burmese, Filipino, Hindi-Urdu, Khmer, Malay/Indonesian, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Thai, Vietnamese)
Celtic Studies	Music	South Asian Studies
Chinese	Near Eastern Studies	Spanish
Classics	(includes Arabic, Cuneiform, Egyptian, Hebrew, Persian, Semitics, Turkish)	Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies
College Writing Program	Philosophy	Tibetan
Comparative Literature	Portuguese	Yiddish Studies
Dutch Studies	Rhetoric	
East Asian Languages and Cultures	Scandinavian	
English	(includes Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Old Norse, Swedish)	
Film and Media	Slavic Languages and Literatures (includes Armenian, Bosnian, Croatian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Serbian)	
French		
German		
Greek		
History of Art		
Italian Studies		
Japanese		
Jewish Studies		
Korean		
Latin		

**Biological and Physical Sciences**

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Astronomy	Integrative Biology	Physics
Earth and Planetary Science	Mathematics	Plant and Microbial Biology
Energy and Resources	Molecular and Cell Biology	Statistics
Environmental Science, Policy & Management	Nutritional Science and Toxicology	